- Reduction in the tariff of all Basic and Cellular services.
- Launch of One India tariff schemes.
- All exchanges have been made Digital and new Remote Switching Units (RSUs)/Digital Line Concentrators (DLCs) are provided to improve service quality.
- Rehabilitation of outdoor network is done on continuous basis to reduce fault rate.
- New value added services like broadband, Intelligent Network Services are provided to landline customers at affordable rates.
- Aggressive roll out of cellular network and broadband services.
- Opening of Sanchar Haats. Customer Setvices Centres, appointment of dealer/agent and other methods to facilitate easy bill payment.

**Compulsory registration for ISPs**

†2591. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have issued orders to make registration compulsory for internet Service Providers (ISPs); and

(b) if so, the number of companies registered-so far with action ensured against these not yet registered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD); (a) No. Sir. However Service Providers are required to obtain Licence to provide Internet Service.

(b) Does notarise in view of (a) above.

**Remedial measures taken by HDTA**

2592. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATiONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing landline, Mobile and WLL phone connections during the years 2003-04 and 2005-06 under Hyderabad District Telecom; and

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(b) the details of various remedial measures taken by Hyderabad District Telecom Authorities to increase the number of all these categories of phone connections to withstand severe competition from various private telecommunication services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, number of BSNL Wiredline, WLL & Mobile phone connections as on 31st March 2004,2005 & 2006 in Hyderabad Telecom District is given below:

| SI. No. | Status as on | Wiredline | WLL | Mobile | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 31st March 2004 | 664341 | 24091 | 145821 | 834253 |
| 2. | 31st March 2005 | 644354 | 14361 | 182458 | 841173 |
| 3. | 31st March 2006 | 601107 | 11866 | 272234 | 885207 |

(b) Remedial measures taken up by Hyderabad District Telecom Authorities to increase the BSNL's subscriber base and to compete with private telecommunication service providers, are given below:

(i) Provision of second phone with 1 Rupee deposit.

(ii) Provision of free ITC card on booking of new phone connection.

(iii) Provision of telephone with unlimited calls on fixed charges.

(iv) Provision of rent-free phone to customers whose bill is more than Rs. 1500/-

(v) Payment of security deposit in 5 easy instalments.

(vi) Free Centrex facility for a group of more than 50 connections or rupees four lakh per annum.

(vis) Provision of service to give new telephone on phone.

(viii) Held two melas for reconnection of disconnected telephones with waiver of rental for disconnection period.

**Mobile network connections in Uttarakhand**

†2593. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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